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Pastor's Perspective...



by Pastor Dan Hansen

"My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning."

Psalm 130:6

1) On our Lenten worship...

Waiting for Easter during our Lenten journey can sometimes feel like "watchmen waiting for the morning." Yet it's been a very special Lenten season--from the super soup suppers organized by our Fellowship Ministry and served by our council ministries, to our well-loved Holden Prayer Service, to our Lenten dramas lifting up "Cross/Peace," indeed, we've been very blessed! Thanks for observing Lent with us this year as we've "drawn nearer to God" for 40 days of fasting and prayer and exploring "The Objects of the Cross."

2) On our Holy Week schedule...

Once again, we'll be celebrating a **Seder Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday** at 6p. This is a special

opportunity to learn more about the Old Testament history behind the sacrament of Holy Communion. Confirmation students are expected to attend at least once before they are confirmed. If you are considering "first communion" for your child, please consider attending our annual Maundy Thursday Seder Meal which is an excellent way of learning about Holy Communion. Please let us know if this year's Seder will be first communion for your child, as we would be interested in recognizing them.

On **Good Friday** we will be completing our Lenten journey to the cross with lessons, hymns, and it's my turn to preach! Please note our new schedule for Easter this year: (**No Saturday service**) Sunday worship will be at 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

3) On our Police Memorial Service May 15th...

This is a national annual event that our Longmont Police Chaplains have hosted for the past 6 years in our community – the past 4 years here at Faith Community. We are honored to have our mayor (or representative) and local police chiefs and county sheriff to provide greetings one again. Please join us for this very special event.

4) On our Stewardship...

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in supporting the work of the Lord in our church! We hope that our “first-fruits” giving as a congregation is providing a positive example for our families to know and believe that God is faithful when we put “first things first” in our giving of time and talents and treasure. Try it—it works! God is faithful to provide for our needs when we place our trust in Him.

5) On visioning for the future...

Although it has been over a year now since we completed the expansion of our education wing, nevertheless, the end of a building project is sometimes a time when churches ask the question, “What’s next?” In Leonard Sweet’s book, “Aqua Church,” (which plays on the historic image of the church as a “ship”), he says *“People often ask mega church pastor Mike Slaughter what he’s going to do next, where he sees himself in five or ten years. Mike responds that if he is in charge of his own life, he knows the answer to that question. But if God is in charge of his life, he has no idea how to answer the question.”* After all, as Jesus says, “The wind blows wherever it pleases... So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” (John 3:8) In other words, who knows what all God will be calling FCLC to next in our mission!

As popular as “mission statements” are today, I tend to suspect that God has given all churches the same mission; to “Go and make disciples...” But churches

have different gifts and values just as Christians have different gifts and values to carry out that mission. Although our membership and building have grown a lot in recent years, nevertheless our core values remain quite visible:

“To reach out in love” as a church that is 1) Bible-centered, 2) prayer-centered, 3) worship-centered (blending the best of the old and new!), 4) visitor-friendly, 5) kid-friendly, 6) modeling “first-fruits” giving, 7) modeling the “priesthood of all believers.”

So, what’s next? We’re still “young” and I expect we’ll continue to “grow” in all our ministries and I expect new ministries will “spring forth” like our partnership with Rios de Agua Viva. I expect that there will be future property projects such as eventually giving our Fellowship Hall a “face-lift” and perhaps making it more “recreational,” and perhaps a columbarium (see www.columbarium.com or www.architarium.com) and/or memorial garden so that the cremains of loved-ones can be interred here. I expect that we will be adding worship services—perhaps a 4:30 Good Friday service and additional weekend services. I expect our staff support will grow too. Most of us didn’t buy all our furniture at once—it’s the same way for staffing a church—we just keep “whittling away” at it as the opportunities and the funding presents itself.

This is an exciting time in the life of our church and I want to thank each of you for the part YOU have been playing in our ministry!

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” (1 Cor. 12:27)

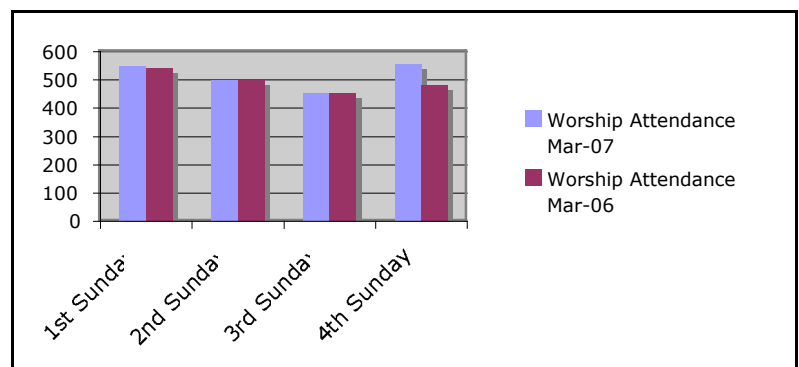
Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Dan

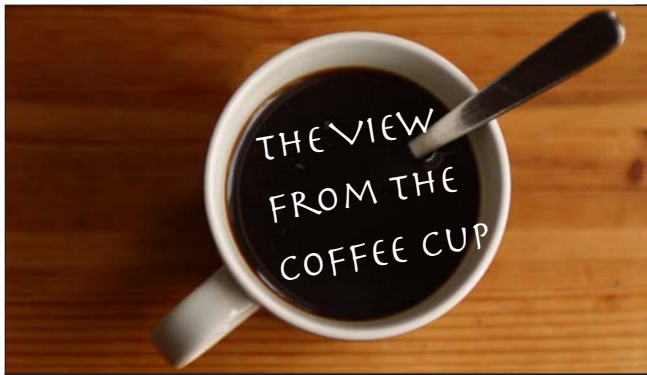


Worship Attendance

Attendance

	Mar-07	Mar-06
1st Sunday	547	542
2nd Sunday	499	498
3rd Sunday	456	452
4th Sunday	554	480





by Pastor Bruce Welander



In the past two or three weeks I have been asked many times about my visit to New Orleans in early March. As part of a Faith Community work crew, I went there with Pat & Duane and Matthew Sharp, Bob Thoman and David Droege. (We were all very sorry that Ann Yost's complications in recovering from surgery prevented Gary from attending as planned).

Our mission was to help the rebuilding efforts in that city that is still very much affected by Hurricane Katrina. For me, this also included preaching at Grace Lutheran Church. You might recall that Grace's president, Dr. Jim Wee, made a presentation here at Faith Community last April, and that we have been assisting Grace financially, as well.

Let me share three general impressions from our visit. First, there is great need. Even after a year-and-a-half, the areas of devastation are widespread. While many parts of the city were relatively untouched, others were terribly devastated. You can't always see this at first glance, but often a closer look at the homes shows that a great many of them are gutted or boarded up. It staggers the mind to think of the extent of this thing called Katrina.

But somehow, with God at work even in very difficult circumstances, I also got a chance to meet many great people. For instance, at Grace Lutheran Church it is encouraging to see how deeply so many people care about their church, even with their own homes destroyed.

Beyond that congregation itself, I was struck by a couple who used to belong there, but who moved away many years ago, and have long been members of a church much closer to their new home. But again and again, they have made the eighty-mile round trip to Grace to be of service. "We do it for the Lord," the woman says when asked why they do this.

Or I think of a community of Vietnamese Christians, where we visited, in an area that had been particularly hard hit, and where David Droege and Duane Sharp of

our congregation first went to serve just two months after Katrina struck. Thanks largely to the work of two outstanding Catholic priests (one of whom took time out of a very busy schedule to show us around and have dinner with us), things are definitely going in the right direction.

Another church with which we were very impressed was an ELCA congregation composed of African-Americans. It is not far from downtown, in one of the older and poorer neighborhoods of the city. There we met an outstanding layperson whose own home in the Ninth Ward was completely destroyed. He has been involved in much hands-on construction at the church... and also he has been coordinating a number of volunteer efforts. For instance, a group of students from one of our ELCA colleges, Wartburg, had just left for home after working there on their spring break.

With great needs and great people there are also great opportunities. Much work remains to be done, and there are many opportunities for good. I am very glad that another group from Faith Community would like to go there this summer. Very likely they will be immensely appreciated. (On several occasions strangers came up to us and thanked us for being there).

However, this group of young adults needs a pair of adult leaders to coordinate the trip. (Please contact Kris Baltrum soon if you are interested).

Most importantly, there is a witness to God's love and care in Christ that can be made by all who seek to help. We are certainly not the only ones who have gone to that place of need. For instance, on the plane home I sat next to a man who was part of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. We had a good conversation, as we shared our experiences.

Please pray for the people of New Orleans and for all who will serve there in the future.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Bruce Welander

Fellowship News

Put on your best smile...

A new pictorial directory is coming!!! Look for this in the upcoming weeks. You will be able to sign up for a time slot online.

Dates for picture-taking will be as follows: Monday, May 7th – Tuesday, May 15th.

You will receive a free 8"x10" family photo for participating. You will also have the opportunity to have other family poses taken with no sitting fee. Think about the possibility of having a beautiful family picture taken, which you can then use for Christmas cards or gifts later in the year!

Soup Supper News...

We have had an amazing turn out for Soup Suppers. By the end of Soup Suppers we will have served about 1150 people dinner. That is awesome!! We give a huge thanks for the 100+ people who've come together to make these dinners a success. We've had people calling for volunteers, making desserts, helping in the kitchen, and cleaning up the Fellowship Hall. Yes, we've really had over 100 helpers, and we thank you for your time and efforts! Also, thanks to all the WNL kids, who've made our centerpieces each week, as well as to the adult helpers. Of course, we thank everyone who came out to eat with us; we hope you've enjoyed the food and this annual fellowship event.



New ideas...

Time to get out and play! We're looking for people who'd be interested in coordinating any kind of outdoor activities (golf outings/tournament, tennis ladders, hiking, pick-up softball/baseball, etc.). Contact Sally Meier (sallyjmeier@yahoo.com) or Kaydene Hubert (wksae@msn.com).

Boulder Dinner Theater...

We are working on setting a summer date for families to attend the Boulder Dinner Theater's production of "The Sound of Music." Look for more details to follow!

April Wedding Anniversaries



April 3

Mike & Cheryl Johnson – 14 yrs

April 8

Gary & Mary Smith – 29 yrs

April 9

Allen Clauson & Jere Griffiths – 12 yrs

April 11

Tom & Alison Bucket – 26 yrs

April 12

Ron & Kristin Schuman – 7 yrs

April 14

Horst & Brigitte – 51 yrs

April 16

John & Nancy Benson – 30 yrs

Don & Andrea Lee – 19 yrs

April 22

Blair & Lanette Smallwood – 29 yrs

April 26

Dave & Donna Koehler – 37 yrs

Mike & Kelly Marshall – 21 yrs

April 27

Steve & Teresa Gunther – 22 yrs

April 28

Dan & Cindy Hansen – 23 yrs

Ron & Denise Parsons – 17 yrs

April 30

Howard & Jolene Nicoll – 19 yrs

Michael & Erin Ciccone – 13 yrs

FCLC Christian Education News

Easter Extravaganza Sunday School

April 8, 9:00-10:00 am

If you are 3 years old through fifth grade, come join us in Room 126 during the 9:00 AM church service, for this mighty special event on Easter Sunday! Hear the Easter story! Create a cross craft! Make your own empty cross snack!

New "Moms & More" Bible Study

The Moms & Little Ones group has had a makeover and is now called "Moms & More." We are kicking off a new study on April 4th that will be held EVERY Wednesday morning from 9:30-11 am in the Fireside Room. This study is for moms of all ages. Child care will be provided in the church nursery.

The book that will be studied is *Intimate Issues*, by Linda Dillow. If you are interested, or need to order a book, please contact Mandy Wormke (mwormke@comcast.net). Also as an extension to the study, there will be a Recap/Summary Bible Study on the first Wednesday evening of each month beginning on May 2, 7 pm. This evening study is geared toward those working moms. Hope you can join us!

Note: More information can be found on the bulletin board in the nursery. Also in the nursery, there are a couple extra books that can be checked out or borrowed.



Mark your Calendars now!

July 16, 17, 18, 9-11:30 am

Good News Clues Vacation Bible School

The One-and-Only
VBS Planning Meeting will be
June 11, 7 pm.
We need **YOU!**

Have you seen *God's Gifts:* *A Holy Communion Coloring Book?*

Hot off the presses and ready for kids to color and discuss with Mom and Dad, Grandma or Grandpa! This unique FCLC project will assist families in explaining the sacrament of Holy Communion to young children. If you did not receive a one-of-a-kind coloring book, pick one up on the table in the narthex. Thanks to Kandace Bourg, Kerry Kleiman and Linda Lerum for their amazing illustrations!



GOT QUESTIONS?

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Rhea Hoops hoopsrd@msn.com

Summer of Gifts – Summer Sunday School – begins on June 3!

Registration from course catalogs will begin in May. Start making plans now to register to attend these one-session classes taught during the Sunday school hour by members of FCLC! All courses relate back to a Bible passage, story or theme.

To date, we have 58 courses being offered throughout the summer for all ages! Just to whet your appetite, here's a PARTIAL list:

"Donut" Make You Want to Pray?

Great Entertainment Recipes

Fun French

Lessons Learned from Barney Fife

Knitting One: Purling Too

Authentic Tamale Making

Exploring Braille

Starbucks: and other things that remind us of God

Conquer Your Fear of Flying

Cup Stacking

Let's Bug Out!

Latin American Health Missions

Model Railroading

Building Birdhouses

Interviewing Skills

Sign Language

Basic Computer Skills & Email

Digital Photography

Christian Clowning

Parable Dramas

Handbells 101

Look at all those cool buttons!

Sharing Your Faith with Others

Behind the Scenes: FCLC Website...

and the list goes on and on!

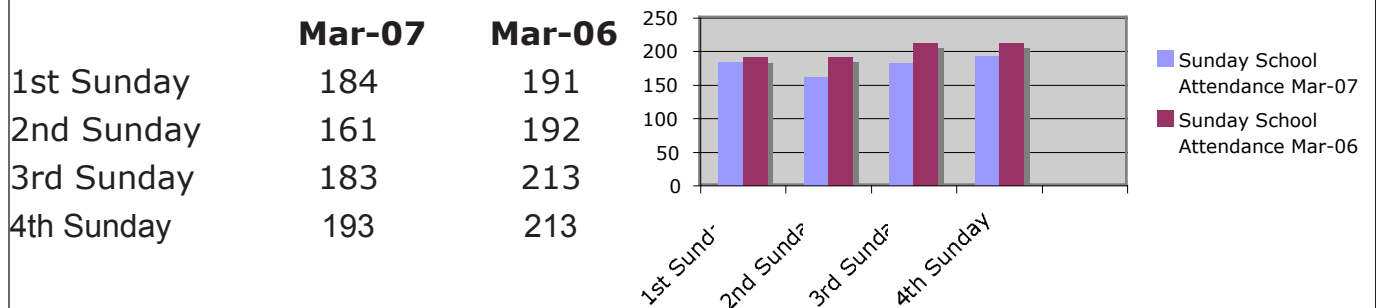
Christian Education Dates to Remember in April

Check the online calendar link at www.fclc.org for up to date information and weekly Bible study opportunities!

April 1	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	(Spring Break)
April 1	6-7:30 pm	P.O.T.s. (Parents Of TeenS)
April 4, 11, 18, 25	9:30-11 am	Moms & More Bible Study
April 4	6-7 pm	NO CONFIRMATION (Sping Break/Holy Week)
April 8	9-10 am	BIBLE BUCKS STORE (Room 102)
April 8	9:00-10:00 am	Easter Extravaganza Sunday School for Preschool-5th graders
April 23	7-8:30 pm	Weavers of the Cloth
May 2	7-8:30 pm	Moms & More Bible Recap/Summary Bible Study
May 5	7 pm	CONFIRMATION QUESTIONING. Reception to follow Congregation is invited.
May 6	11 am	CONFIRMATION SERVICE
May 9	6-7 pm	LAST Wednesday Night Live/Confirmation for 6th & 7th graders

Attendance

Sunday School Attendance



Outreach Fair is Here!

Outreach News

Come & check out all of our Outreach Ministry Partners! FCLC Annual Outreach Fair will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 5:30pm-7pm and Sunday, April 29 from 8am-1pm. This event will be held in the Fellowship Hall and each of our partners will have a booth setup for you to collect information. We encourage you to mingle and become familiar with what our "First Fruit" donations are used for. Below is a list of the different organizations and churches that have been invited to our Outreach Fair. If you have a charity that you'd like us to partner with, please contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net)

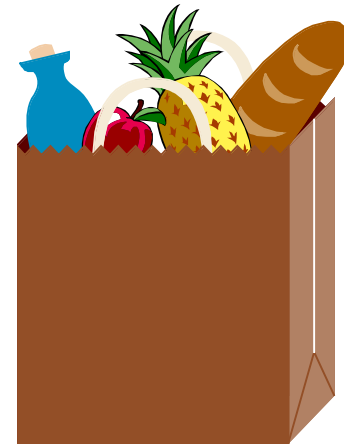
Organization	Location	Purpose	Website
A Woman's Work	Longmont, CO	Provide emergency funds & support to women in need	http://www.longmontfoundation.org/awomanswork.html
Atwood Shelter	Longmont, CO	Provide emergency short-term housing for families	http://bcn.boulder.co.us/housing/efa.html
Boulder County Cares	Longmont, CO	Provide basic needs at night to the homeless	http://www.bouldercountycares.org
Compassion Internat'l	Worldwide	Sponsorship for children in poverty all over the world	http://www.compassion.com
Friends of Mexico	Galeana, Mexico	Missionary service in Mexico for youth & adults	http://www.friendsofmexico.org
Global Missions-ELCA	Worldwide	Provide support to churches/missionaries outside US	http://www.elca.org/globalmission
Habitat for Humanity	Longmont, CO	Building affordable housing for those in need	http://www.stvrainhfh.org
Holiday Basket Prog.	Longmont, CO	Provide toys and food to low-income families	http://www.stvraincc.org/Holiday_Basket.html
Healing Circles	Longmont, CO	Provide grief counseling for children & teens	http://hospicecareonline.org/04_griefeducation/healing_circles.html_circles.html
Inn Between	Longmont, CO	Provide transitional housing to those in need	http://bcn.boulder.co.us/housing/innbetween
Life Choices Preg. Ctr.	Longmont, CO	Provides support for pregnancy decisions	http://www.lifechoices.org
Lutheran Family Serv.	Denver, CO	Provide services that heal & strengthen people	http://www.lfsc.org
Mosaic	National	Serving people with developmental disabilities	http://www.mosaicinfo.org
Oaks Indian Mission	Oaks, OK	Provide support & structure to deprived children	http://www.oaksindianmission.org
Operation Xmas Child	Worldwide	Provide gift-filled shoe boxes to children in need	http://samaritanspurse.org/OCC.asp?MPGID=1
O.U.R. Center	Longmont, CO	Provide food, clothing, & financial assistance to needy	http://www.ourcenter.org
Safe Shelter	Longmont, CO	Provide shelter/support for abused women & children	http://www.safeshelterofstvrain.org
Shekinah Christian Ministries	Longmont, CO	Transform hearts and minds of prison inmates. Also provides comfort and care to nursing home patients	http://www.injail.org
Sky Ranch	Longmont, CO	Facility providing outdoor ministry to families	http://www.fortnet.org/skyranch
Wycliffe Bible Transl.	Worldwide	Help make God's Word accessible to everyone	http://www.wycliffe.org
World Hunger-ELCA	Worldwide	Support people who live w/ chronic hunger & poverty	http://www.elca.org/hunger

More Outreach News

Church Partner	Location	Purpose	Website
Christus Rex	Boulder, CO	Lutheran Campus Ministry at Univ. of Colorado	http://www.colorado.edu/StudentGroups/lcm
Cristo Rey	El Paso, TX	Church ministering to El Paso, TX and Juarez Mexico	http://www.rmselca.org/cristo_rey.htm
Grace Lutheran-NOLA	New Orleans, LA	Church rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina Disaster	http://www.gracenola.com
New Beginnings	Denver, CO	Provide Christian care at the Denver Women's Correctional Facility	http://www.rmselca.org/women/involved/programs/prison/newbeginnings.htm
Peace In Christ	Elizabeth, CO	Mission church reaching out to those in Elbert County	http://www.peaceinchristelm.org

Grace Lutheran Mission Trip

Seven people from FCLC went on this Mission Trip to Grace Lutheran on March 3-10. The list includes Pastor Bruce, Duane & Pat Sharp, Bob Thoman, David Droege, and Matthew Sharp. They are grateful for all the support and prayers from our congregation. God never fails to use all that comes into our lives! The exposure in New Orleans proved to be enlightening, frustrating, and rewarding, all in the same week. Be sure to check out the display in the "Outreach Corner" (SW corner of the Narthex) as there are lots of great photos. Pastor Bruce talks more about their experience in his section of this newsletter... don't miss it! Plus, on April 15th, they will give a presentation as a "Temple Talk" at each service. Lastly, don't hesitate to approach any one of them personally as they'd love to talk about their trip to New Orleans.



Mission Trip to Peru

A member of FCLC, Cherylyn Pizza, is heading to Pucallpa, Peru, for a mission trip on April 14-21. She will be joined with others from Group Workcamp Foundation to help with building projects and serve the local people. FCLC Outreach is supporting her on this venture and would like to ask the congregation to pray for a safe and productive trip for her.



A BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped out with the Outreach Activities in March! The weekly food drives for the O.U.R. Center were a big success and we filled over three grocery carts full. All the items were donated to the O.U.R. Center and they were very grateful. Also, thanks to everyone who helped serve lunch at the OUR Center on March 3 and lunch for Habitat for Humanity on March 31. These projects wouldn't be successful without the generous support of FCLC congregation.

April Birthdays!



April 1
Julie Markiewicz
Linda Lappin
Nancy Passot
Kyle Gunther

April 2
Bob Danos
Shelly Embree
Ian Markiewicz

April 3
Karen Odegard
Barb Borton
Jim McRitchie
Kevin Palm

April 4
Ed Owens
Kevin Hansen
Lindsay King

April 5
Pete Seale
Jaime Dirkes
William Elwood
Jeremiah Jones

April 6
Ethel Owens
Glenn Knipscheer
Dustin Bourgois
Mason Spreier

April 7
Todd Penson
Sandi Vaughn

April 8
Steve Gunther
Mike Johnson
Mindy Parker
Adam Gostenik

April 9
Jere Griffiths
Larry Odegard
Mike O'Brien
Chelsea Ciccone
Lylie Lewus

April 10
Cindy Noble

April 11
Robert Fagler
Jackson Birdsall
Becca Schaff

April 13
Jamie Mendez
Joshua Cole
Paige Demosthenes

April 14
Darcie Ell

April 15
Joe Audley
Sue Mesch
Tim Uecker

April 16
Ray Schumacher
Kristianna Vedvik
Christine Chauveau

April 17
Craig Chaney
Stephanie Brockman
Christopher Gwinn
Shayelyn Marshall

April 18
Diane Vinaske
Cindy Hansen
Alison Buckett
Antoinette Enders

April 19
Gary Yost
Trisha Stewart
Susanna Jones

April 20
Linda Thoman
Melody Bowers
Jaedyn Brown

April 21
Margaret Greene
Anna Mercer

April 22
Otto Longhenry

Arla Olson
Lyle Luttrell
Kevin Ell
Toni Nehls

April 23
Ardie Sahl
Mike Cogdill
Steven Schumacher
Macy Gruszczynski

April 24
Mike Stover
Paul Bennett

April 25
Bob Kaiser
Annie Cirbo
Adam Konicek
Madeline Baltrum

April 26
Craig Hovick
Mitzi Storaci
Amanda Moore

April 27
Leroy Heidt
Ashleigh Bruns

April 28
Debbie Raemer

April 29
Sam Van Winkle
Ashley Owens

April 30
Daniel Meyer

Web and Email Addresses Change

Dear members of Faith Community Lutheran,

Recently Faith Community Lutheran was able to obtain the www.fclc.org domain name. Seth Goings, Kirk Olson, and I have completed transferring the web site, email addresses, and mailing lists to the new domain.

Therefore, on Thursday morning, February 22, 2007, www.faithcommunitylutheran.org web site was shut down.

Mailing lists and e-mail addresses will be forwarded for a few weeks. You should update your address books to reflect addresses that were once @faithcommunitylutheran.org are now @fclc.org

Individual mailing list subscription passwords from faithcommunitylutheran.org are not being transferred to fclc.org.

So, if you have a favorite password, you will need to go

into the Administration function on each list to make that change. If you belong to several lists, you can go into the Administration of one of the lists and mark "Global" and it will change it to be the same on all the lists you are subscribed.

Also, if you prefer to be on the digest version, you will need to go the Administrative menu to make that change. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at holson@oldspooksandspies.org

Blessings,
Harlan Olson



LIBRARY NOTES: WHAT'S NEW?



“Reading gives us someplace to go
when we have to stay where we are.” *Mason Cooley.*

Where will you go with these new additions to FCLC Library?

- † **Just Walk Across the Room: Simple Steps Pointing People to Faith**, by Bill Hybels. 2006. Witness bearing – the way to sustain evangelism.
- † **The Leadership Labyrinth: Negotiating the Paradoxes of Ministry**, Judson Edwards. 2005.
- † **Church history in plain language**, Bruce L. Shelley. 2d updated ed., 1995.
- † **A White Preacher’s Message on Race and Reconciliation: Based on His Experiences Beginning with the Montgomery Bus Boycott**, Robert S. Graetz. 2006. With great courage, Pastor Bob Graetz, his wife, and two young children faced hatred and threats as he answered a call to a black congregation in Montgomery.
[Bob was a fellow student at Capital University – L. Ward]
- † **American Mourning: The Intimate Story of Two Joined by War, Torn by Beliefs**, Catherine Moy. 2006.
Protest movements and family relationships in the Iraq war.
- † **William Wilberforce: Hero for Humanity**, Kevin Belmonte. 2007. Abolitionists in Great Britain.
- † **Sacred Parenting: How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls**, Gary Thomas. 2004. Religious aspects of Parenting.
- † **I Can’t Do It All: Breaking free From the Lies That Control Us**, Tracie Peterson, Allison Bottke, and Diane O’Brian. 2006.
Three authors speak from first hand experience.
- † **Chasing God and the Kids, Too: Balancing a Mom’s Most Important Pursuits**. Cheryl R. Carter. 2006.
- † **Breaking the Cycle of Divorce: [how your marriage can succeed even if your parents’ didn’t]**, John Trent, 2006.
- † **Facing Your Giants: a David and Goliath story for everyday people**, Max Lucado. 2006.
Spirituality in Christian life.
- † **How to Live with Your Parents Without Losing Your Mind**, Ken Davis. 1988. Advice for teenagers on how to get along with parents, drawing on religious concepts.
- † **Body, Beauty, Boys: The Truth About Girls and How We See Ourselves**, Sarah Bragg. 2006.
- † **Fire dancer**, Coleen Coble. 2006. A novel set in Arizona, first in the Smoke jumper series.



When Sheep Sleep, Laura Numeroff. 2006. What can a little girl do when she wants to count sheep, but the sheep are all asleep.

Cookies: Bite-size Lessons, Amy Rosenthal. 2006. Ethics, etiquette and cookies for the very young!

Will: God’s Mighty Warrior, Sheila Walsh. 2006. Will loves to play at being a warrior. When his father teaches him about God’s armor, Will learns there are real enemies to be fought in the world and in his own heart.

My Mom is Excellent, Nick Butterworth. 1989. A small boy describes all the amazing things his Mom can do.

Short fiction for busy times ...

Each of these books has three or four short novels of Christian life, love, and/or suspense, linked together by a common location. Look on the fiction shelves for **Golden Gate Gazette [San Francisco]** ; **Kentucky Chances;**

Tucson: Romance in the old Southwest; **New Mexico;** and **New Mexico Sunrise.**

Freefall, Kristen Heitzmann. 2006. A victim of amnesia, “Jade” can’t remember her name or how she came to Kauai, Hawaii. She has only a vague sensation of danger.

Find these and more in the library ... Rooms 224 and 227!

APRIL '07



ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES TO GROW IN
AN AUTHENTIC AND VITAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

Youth and Household Ministry

Middle School Millings

LOCK-IN

Don't miss out on the Middle School Lock-In (a.k.a., lock down)! Here are the details:

APRIL 13, 8 PM till APRIL 14, 8 AM

Bring: \$4 for pizza, Cans of soda to share, Snack food to share, G/PG rated movies, Pillow/sleeping bag, Permission slip.

SIGN UP DEADLINE is Wednesday the 11th. Bring a friend!!!

SEDER MEAL, etc.

Just a friendly reminder to confirmation families:

Attendance to the **Seder Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday** (April 5th) is required for all confirmation students if they have never attended one here before. It's an excellent opportunity to learn the Exodus "roots" of Christ's last supper with his disciples. (Plus, no prepares lamb as well as Wayne Hubert does.....wow!)

Don't forget about Good Friday Worship and Easter Sunday worship as well!

MOVIE NIGHT—Come on over to FCLC from 6-8 PM on April 22 for a flick and some great conversation! Yes, there WILL be popcorn!!! Bring a friend or two!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 6-8 pm FOR A MS YOUTH ACTIVITY STARTING THE 4TH SUNDAY OF APRIL!

High School Happenings

'TWEEN A ROCK & A HARD PLACE

WHEN: April 29, Sunday

TIME: 3-8:00 PM

We'll start in Boulder where we will feed the homeless folks we find by giving them meal bags which we will prepare ahead of time, then we'll eat dinner on the grass somewhere, and then go rock climbing at The SPOT! The conversation of the day will be about getting through life when you feel like you are stuck between a rock and a hard place. Permission slips/waivers required.

Sign up deadline is April 22.

COFFEE TALK

WHEN: April 25, Wednesday

TIME: 8:30-10:00 PM

WHERE: Caffe Luna (8th and Coffman)

Come on over for a cup of decaf coffee but some totally caffeinated conversation! Bring your friend and your BEST story—about whatever you want—for the week.

MENTOR/MENTEE ACTIVITY

WHEN: April 1, Sunday

TIME: 6-9:00 PM

MOVIE NIGHT—come prepared with your brain filled with movie trivia knowledge for a fun game, then relax and enjoy the movie and conversation based on the movie "The GUARDIAN."

Easter Breakfast to Support WORK-CAMP!!!

Come one, come all to the fantabulous Easter Breakfast cooked up and served up by our lovely Workcampers!

Free will donations support our campers and transportation

THIRD DAY—Starting the THIRD (sun)DAY in April, the Sr. High group will be meeting every THIRD (sun)DAY for food, fun, fellowship, and community building. All the supplies will be provided—but together we will cook a meal, have conversation, do some fun stuff and grow in our friendships and our faith. Mark your calendars for every THIRD (sun)DAY from 6-8 PM!!!

All about Administration

from Susan Moller
Director of Business Administration

About.....An Invitation to Giving (by the Rev. Michael Meier, ELCA)

St. Paul speaks of two motivations for giving our selves, our time and our possessions to God's work. In 2 Corinthians 8:9, he appeals to the model and example of Jesus and asks us to give as Jesus did. In 2 Corinthians 9:8, he reminds us that God promises to richly supply all that is needed for us to continue to give.

"For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich." 2 Cor. 8:9

The model of Jesus and the promise of God's provision motivate us to be generous.

Our generosity honors God, the source of all generosity. Our generosity makes God's purposes known. By God's power, our generosity provides the announcement of the Good News of salvation and the deeds of mercy, the actions of love, which serve the needs of people everywhere.

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." 2 Cor. 9:8

Our generosity draws us closer to God, the Giver of all good gifts. Generous deeds shape our lives and our understandings. Through generosity we begin to know more deeply and more broadly the graciousness of God. Generosity does not change God's behavior toward us, but it changes our behavior toward God.

About.....A Thank You

Thank you, Faith Community Lutheran, for modeling Jesus and honoring God through your generosity!

About.....Update on Our New Education Wing Project

Here is an update on where we are on paying for our new education wing. Our goal is to have the loan on this project paid off by December 2007.

TOTAL Project Cost is **\$800,000**

Project began **January 2005**

\$605,000 has been paid through
March 2007

Blessings,

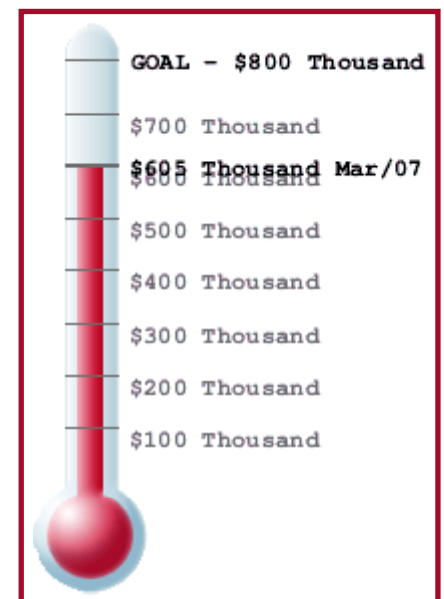
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by Susan Moller



FCLC FINANCES

As of 3/28/07:

General Offering YTD	\$ 140,246
Budget YTD	\$ 171,974
Expenses YTD	\$(139,332)
New Building Giving YTD	\$ 27,268



New African Mission Project Underway

Liberia, Africa was a worn-torn country for over fifteen years. Many men, women, and children were killed. One of our Lutheran pastors, Rev. Anthony Mulbah, his wife Temeh, and their family were spared. Todd & Tyger Penson have been assisting this family with schooling over the years.

However, in 2006, Rev. Mulbah informed the Pensons that it was not fair for their family to be educated when the rest of the Village was not. So, he drew up a proposal, at the Pensons request, which outlined how he could educate 200 children, who were orphaned or with a single parent, in the Village of Gbonyea for \$3100.00 per year. The FCLC Endowment Fund agreed to send the \$3100.00 for this project.

The Village of Gbonyea is so grateful for our church's help. So many of the children lost one or both parents in the war and until we

agreed to help, would not have had a chance for an education which will enable them to be future leaders in their country. Further, this is a mission of the Lutheran Church and so these children will come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior through our generosity.

Apparently, they have already acquired three teachers and have temporarily arranged to use the church building there for classes! They have already made 1000 mud bricks for the new building and have a building site for the new school! How is that for progress—and your money at work?!

A letter from Rev. Mulbah was received on March 8, 2007, thanking FCLC for their generous gift. That letter and a picture of Rev. Mulbah and his wife are in the Narthex. Be sure to stop and read it.

Tyger Penson



Women's Brunch Set For April 28.

The annual spring brunch for all Women of the ELCA will be held at Highlands Lutheran Church, 3995 Irving, Denver, on Saturday, April 28. All women are encouraged to attend.

"Acting Boldly for Health: Spiritual Wellness" will be presented by Sue Ann Glusenka, a vivacious health educator, author and nurse. Morning coffee and registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program starting at 9:00 a.m. and festivities concluding around 12:30 p.m. Registration information and a map to Highlands will be mailed to your congregation. Mark your calendars now and plan to join your sisters in Christ for a fun-filled morning.



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Our Council Members and Church Staff are always available to listen to the ideas and concerns of our members. Your input is invaluable in aiding the leadership of Faith Community Lutheran in determining the direction we should go in fulfilling God's mission for us. We welcome you to take part and share your vision.

- Council minutes are public record and kept in the Church Office.
- Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 8pm. Meetings are open to the congregation.
- If you would like to be involved in any of the ministries listed above, contact the ministry chair.

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Calling all kids for a week of fun at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp!



Who can attend camp?

Anyone who has completed grades 4–8.

How do our kids get to camp?

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to camp. We arrange carpools and leave together from the church.

What is the cost?

\$345 (4th–6th Grades – Homesteaders)

\$355 (6th–8th Grades – Mountaineers)

\$100 assistance + scholarships are available.

Fundraising opportunities are available, too.

Where do I obtain more information?

www.fortnet.org/skyranch

info@ldoubler.org

sallyjmeier@yahoo.com (church member)



Andrew and view from his cabin!

I invite you to take a moment to read what 2 kids from our church have to say about their camp experiences. This is a fabulous opportunity for our children to grow in their faith, to foster lasting friendships, and to have fun! I have several other stories and names of youth you can talk to for even greater details about camp.

Dear Faith Community Lutheran,

I want to write you and let you know that I had a good time at Sky Ranch Camp this summer. I got to know and become better friends with other kids from church. It was great to see Pastor Dan and Kris up there. One night we went to Pastor Dan's pop up camper and had s'mores.

I think the 3 main **highlights** for me were this: 1). The **midnight worship services**. I love being outside at night and staying up late. Our cabin looked forward to that. 2). The sign up **games** that we got to choose from were really cool. I got to run around. We had so much fun doing those. 3). **Making new friends**. I also really liked my camp counselors; they were so cool to talk with and hang out with... I told my Mom and Dad that I want to go again next year and bring a friend from school.

- Michael Sell (after 5th grade)

Going to Sky Ranch was a wonderful experience that helped me grow in my faith. I was able to have a wonderful time with my friends while being surrounded by God's amazing presence. The beauty of the camp and mountains alone revealed God's amazing power and majesty. I remember one night while we were singing worship songs I looked up at the sky and the stars took my breath away. I knew that God had created everything around me and that the Lord who had created such a beautiful setting also created me. It was such an amazing feeling and I knew that I wanted to have a personal relationship with God. **Up until I went to Sky Ranch, I knew about God and Jesus and believed, but I didn't know what it felt like to truly have God in my heart.** Sky Ranch gave me the opportunity to experience the Lord's presence in my life and ever since then I have had a better understanding of what it really means to be a child of God. Along with growing spiritually that week, I also had a lot of fun. I was able to go hiking, play soccer, and hang out with some of my very best friends. It was an awesome week in my life that I will never forget.

-Mallory Mueller, now a college freshman



Mission Verse

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Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.*



Our Core Values

**To "Reach Out in Love"
as a church that is:**

- * Bible-centered
- * Prayer-centered
- * Worship-centered with blended
styles of music
- * Kid-Friendly
- * Visitor-Friendly
- * A Model of the Priesthood
of Believers
- * A Model of "First Fruits Giving"
(to various outreach projects)

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